

Fluency Rubric

Use the following subscales to rate reader fluency on the four aspects of accuracy, phrasing, smoothness, and pace. Scores will range from 4-16. Scores of 9 and above indicate that fluency has been achieved for the grade level of the passage read. Scores below 8 indicate that fluency is a concern.

	4	3	2	1
Accuracy	Word recognition accuracy is excellent: 96%. Self-corrections are few but successful as nearly all words are read correctly on initial attempt.	Word recognition accuracy is good: 91-95%. Self corrects successfully.	Word recognition accuracy is marginal: 86-90%. Reader struggles on many words. Many unsuccessful attempts of self-correction.	Word recognition accuracy is poor: generally below 85%. Reader clearly struggles in decoding words. Makes multiple decoding attempts for many words, usually without success.
Phrasing (prosody)	Generally well-phrased; mostly in phrase, clause, and sentence units; with adequate attention to expression.	Mixture of run-ons, mid-sentence pauses for breath, and possible some choppiness; reasonable stress and intonation.	Frequent two and three-word phrases giving the impression of choppy reading; lacks appropriate stress and intonation that mark ends of sentences and clauses.	Monotonic, with little sense of phrase boundaries, frequent work-by-word reading; usually exhibits improper stress and intonation that fail to mark ends of sentences and clauses.
Smoothness (prosody)	Generally smooth reading with minimal breaks, but work and structure difficulties are resolved quickly, usually through self-corrections.	Occasional breaks in smoothness caused by difficulties with specific words and/or structures.	Several “rough spots” in text where extended pauses, hesitations, etc. are more frequent and disruptive.	Frequent extended pauses, hesitations, false starts, sound-outs, repetitions, and /or multiple attempts.
Pace (automaticity)	Consistently conversational and appropriate.	Uneven and mixture of fast and slow reading.	Moderately slow or overly and inappropriately fast).	Slow and laborious.